

CITIZENS' PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE (August 2016)

Thank you for attending the H.T. Jones Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony. We appreciate all of your hard work while serving on the 2015 Waller ISD Citizens' Planning Committee. We have had a lot of activity this past month, and would like to share the project update report that Mark Lam provided the Waller ISD School Board at the August 8th monthly meeting.

Package A (H.T. Jones Elementary, Roberts Road Elementary, High School Ag, and CTE)

- We held our H.T. Jones Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony on August 3rd and had approximately 50 people attend the event. Attendees included the City of Prairie View elected officials, the Waller ISD community, Citizens' Planning Committee, the Waller ISD school board and employees, several students, architects and contractors.
- As for construction, the H.T. Jones Elementary School building pad is now complete. The contractor is currently drilling and pouring piers for the foundation, running underground utilities, installing the geothermal cooling system, and continuing to raise the grade around the new school. Structural steel is due to arrive on August 22nd and soon after that you will start to see the shape of the building taking form. Drive by the location at 35753 Owens Road to catch a glimpse of the project transformation.

Package B (W.C. Schultz Junior High School Track, Tennis, and Bus Parking)

- We have bid and awarded the project to Stewart Builders (the same firm that built our Waller ISD Stadium) and they are progressing quickly. We hope to have new paving completed at both the school and Transportation Department before start of school. The project is set to be completed by January 1st.
- We are looking for a scoreboard sponsor, so if you have a business and would like to have your name placed across the scoreboard, please contact Danny Twardowski as soon as possible.

Package D (Electronic Access Control)

- We are currently installing electronic door hardware for more than 100 doors located across the school district. This will enhance our safety and security plan.

General

- We have upgraded our technology infrastructure district-wide and purchased 450 new laptops and 2,500 new Chrome Books that are all ready for start of school.
- We have also upgraded the security system, energy management program, and replaced both chillers at Waller High School.